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TAGS: PFOR, GE, GW  
SUBJECT: NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ATTACKS CDU PARTY CONGRESS

1. LABELING THE MARCH 8-9 CDU CONGRESS A " PARTY CONGRESS  
OF COLD WARRIORS," NEUES DEUTSCHLAND LAUNCHED INTO ONE OF ITS  
STRONGEST ATTACKS ON THE FRG OPPOSITION IN AN ARTICLE  
APPEARING IN ITS MARCH 9 EDITION. ND ACCUESE THE CDU  
OF CONVERTING ITS PARTY CONGRESS INTO A " TRIBUNAL OF OPEN  
REVANCHISM" AND DECLARES THAT THE MEETING SHOWS MORE  
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CLEARLY THAN EVER THAT THE CDU IS NOT FIT TO GOVERN.  
ND ACCUSES THE CDU OF CALLING INTO QUESTION ALL  
POSITIVE RESULTS ATTAINED THUS FAR IN FRG-GDR RELATIONS.

2. CDU CLAIMS THAT THE FRG HAS A " POLITICAL AND MORAL  
DUTY" TO SPEAK FOR ALL GERMANS OUTSIDE THE FRG,  
"WHETHER IN EAST PRUSSIA ORSILESIA, WHETHER IN BRANDENBURG

OR THURINGIA," ARE SINGLED OUT FOR STRONG CRITICISM  
IN THE ND PIECE. ND CHARGES THE CDU WITH BASING ITS POLICY  
TOWARD THE GDR ON THE 1954 PARIS TREATIES, DESCRIBED AS  
SIGNED AT THE HEIGHT OF THE COLD WAR, AND ON THE KARLSRUHE  
COURT DECISION OF 1973 WHICH DECLARED THAT THE FRG-GDR  
BOUNDARY HAD THE SAME STATUS AS THE BORDERS BETWEEN  
FRG "LAENDER." ND STATES THAT THE SPEECHES AT THE CDU  
CONGRESS WERE CHARACTERIZED BY A CHAUVINISTIC  
SLOGAN "SUFFICIENTLY WELL KNOWN" TO THE PEOPLES OF  
EUROPE: "FROM THE MASS TO THE MEMEL."

3. IN ITS ONLY MENTION OF A CDU POLITICIAN BY NAME,  
ND CRITICIZES KOHL FOR ADVOCATING "MISUSE" OF TRAVEL  
BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE GDR TO FORWARD THE REACTIONARY  
AND REVANCHIST CONCEPTIONS OF THE CDU. ND CLAIMS THAT  
KOHL'S POSITION ON THE TRAVEL ISSUE CAUSED ASTONISHMENT  
AMONG POLITICAL OBSERVERS AND WAS MADE AGAINST THE  
"WELL-INTENDING" SUGGESTIONS OF THE GDR.

4. COMMENT: THE GDR HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY  
STRIDENT IN ITS ATTACKS ON THE CDU SINCE THE FRG  
ELECTIONS, MAKING IT CLEARLY KNOWN, AS IN THE RECENT  
HONECKER INTERVIEW IN THE SAARBRUECKER ZEITUNG, THAT  
IT STRONGLY PREFERS AN SPD-LED GOVERNMENT IN BONN.  
WE NOTE THAT THE ND ATTACK ON THE CDU PARTY CONGRESS  
CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH THE MILD AND STRAIGHTFORWARD  
COVERAGE THE MEETING RECEIVED IN PRAVDA MARCH 9.

5. IN CRITICIZING KOHL FOR HIS POSITION ON TRAVEL  
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POLICIES, THE ND ARTICLE IN EFFECT REINFORCES HONECKER'S  
INDIRECT WARNING THAT TRAVEL FROM THE FRG TO THE GDR  
COULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY FRG REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE  
A SEPARATE GDR CITIZENSHIP. HONECKER ALSO MADE  
IT QUITE EVIDENT IN THE INTERVIEW THAT SUCH RECOGNITION  
IS ESSENTIAL BEFORE MORE GDR CITIZENS WOULD BE  
ALLOWED TO TRAVEL TO THE FRG.  
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